

HURRICANE KATRINA EMERGENCY CONTRACTING INFORMATION

Guide to Government Procurement

DOING BUSINESS WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

To do business with the State of Louisiana, you must register with the Office of State Purchasing.

- **Office of State Purchasing**
Register via the internet at the Louisiana Procurement and Contract Network (LaPAC) website: www.state.la.us/osp/osp.htm to receive email notifications of bid opportunities. This is a free service.

Register at the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) if your interest is public infrastructure construction or maintenance.

- **Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)**
Contact Dana Watlington or Carla Parent at 225-379-1444
www.dotd.louisiana.gov

To be added to the PTAC bid list for procurement opportunities, you must first be counseled at center that provides professional technical assistance.

- **Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)**
Provides specialized and professional procurement technical assistance to Louisiana businesses actively seeking and/or performing on contracts and subcontracts with the U.S. Department of Defense and other federal, state and local governments. To be added to the PTAC bid list, a company must first become a client by receiving guidance from a PTAC counselor. After an initial counseling session clients complete an intake form. A counselor will lead clients through the initial federal registration requirements, identify the FSC Codes and put them into a database for bid matches.
1-800-206-3545
www.la-ptac.org

Register as a business available for contracting opportunities at the State of Louisiana's business database portal, AccessLouisiana.

- **AccessLouisiana**, www.accesslouisiana.com is database of Louisiana businesses.

DOING BUSINESS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Due to the immediacy of emergency opportunities, it is unlikely that opportunities dealing with the hurricanes will be advertised through the FedBizOpps system, <http://www.fedbizopps.gov/>.

Vendors seeking to provide products or services in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi or Florida should contact the following resources that are coordinating the disaster relief efforts. Proposals must include the following information:

- ✓ Company name
- ✓ Business address
- ✓ Contact information
- ✓ Type of service or product offered
- ✓ Type of equipment, number of workers being provided
- ✓ Cost for service or product
- ✓ Whether the company is volunteering services.

An important first step for doing business with the Federal government is to register in the Central Contractor Registration System (CCR).

- **Central Contractor Registration System (CCR)** can be accessed at www.ccr.gov. When registering companies have the opportunity to build a small business profile that includes a capability narrative and listing of past performance references. The federal contracting community uses this database for market research and large businesses use it to identify potential subcontractors. PTAC can assist with this registration.

For information concerning disaster contracting, contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
Call FEMA's acquisition voice message system at (202)646-4006 and go to www.fema.gov/ofm.

The Department of Homeland Security is coordinating response efforts to provide necessary assistance to communities affected by Hurricane Katrina. You can register resources, services and needs at the National Emergency Resource Registry.

- **Department of Homeland Security – National Emergency Resource Registry**
To register with the National Emergency Resource Registry please visit the following website: www.swern.gov. This is the central repository for all Hurricane Katrina relief.

In response to Hurricane Katrina, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers developed a website to facilitate the urgent distribution of information regarding resources required to respond to this disaster.

- **U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS - Mississippi Valley Division**
The Mississippi Valley Division in Vicksburg, Mississippi is coordinating disaster and recovery efforts of Hurricane Katrina. This is a comprehensive website at <http://www.usace.army.mil>. Click on "Hurricane Katrina Contract Support" for contracting and sub-contracting opportunities and making disaster relief equipment available

A suggestion line has been established to collect ideas from around the country to help with relief efforts. The phone number is 202-761-7584.

This phone number is not used for directing vendors for contracting opportunities but for vendors or individuals who might have a suggestion or an idea that could be useful to the Corps in relation to assisting the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

NOTE: Any requests from businesses to contract directly with FEMA for products or services should go to the FEMA Contract Officer, Richard Spillane.

He would prefer to be contacted by email at the following address:

richard.spillane@dhs.gov .

(If necessary due to lack of computer/email equipment the following telephone number is provided: 504-202-4762.)

The following information is required:

Name of Company

ALL contact information i.e, address, phone #, including cell phone#, email address

Detailed description of services and/or products provided

According to Mr. Spillane, '90% of the contracts are going to Louisiana businesses'.

General Services Administration.-

www.gsaadvantage.gov is the GSA's website for products and vendors. Persons interested should use the site to either search for products or sellers of goods or services.

At this site, there is a tab entitled "e-library" which has all of the vendors who have GSA contracts. This is a good source in case one is interested in getting set up as a sub-contractor.

In addition, the GSA rep recommended that this site be consulted as well:

http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?contentId=19521&contentType=GSA_BASIC

Persons interested in offering supplies or services should click in the middle of this page on the bolded section entitled **For Vendors Offering Relief Supplies and Services.**

- **OTHER CORP OF ENGINEERS CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Disaster response work in Louisiana:
Memphis Corps of Engineers Office
(901) 544-3117 or (901) 544-3116.
- Disaster response work in Mississippi:
Vicksburg Corps of Engineers Office
(601) 631-5814 or (601) 631-7262 or submit an email to:
cemvk-ct@usace.army.mil

- **DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- Alabama
205-280-2200 (Press "0" to speak with the operator)
<http://ema.alabama.gov>

If you are interested in contracting opportunities with the State of Alabama, on your Company Letterhead, list your capabilities and contact information. Fax this information to: 334-409-4663 Attention: FEMA Contract

- Louisiana
225-925-7500
<http://ohsep.louisiana.gov>
Note: You may experience problems calling Louisiana at this time.
- Mississippi
1-800-222-6362; 601-352-9100
<http://www.mississippi.gov> or <http://www.msema.org>
Note: You may experience problems calling Mississippi at this time.
- Florida
 - Florida County Emergency Management Contact:
850-413-9969
www.floridadisaster.org/County_EM/county_list.htm#
 - Florida Disaster Contractors Network
www.dcnonline.org
Email: dcn@dcnonline.org

- Florida Home Builders Assistance
850-385-1414
www.fhba.com

Through one portal - FedBizOpps (FBO) - commercial vendors seeking Federal markets for their products and services can search, monitor and retrieve opportunities solicited by the entire Federal contracting community.

- FedBizOpps
To locate possible notices posted on the FedBizOpps website related to Hurricane Katrina search www.fbo.gov. Click "GO" at "Find Business Opportunities". In the "Full Text Search" box enter relevant keywords, such as 'florida', 'mississippi', 'alabama', 'louisiana', 'disaster', and 'hurricane katrina'. Click "Start Search" to retrieve results.

